

LAY PHONE CABLE ON RIVER BOTTOM

Government Dredges Digging Trench Four to Five Feet Deep in Bed for Lead Between Cities.

LINE IS FOUR INCHES THICK

First Submarine Extension in Upper Mississippi Will Connect Rock Island and Davenport.

Government dredges are digging a trench in the bed of the Mississippi river between Rock Island and Davenport for the submarine cable to be laid in the central Union Telephone company. The preliminary work, it is expected, will be completed in three or four days.

The cable, four inches in diameter, of standard ocean bottom type, is the first to be laid in the upper Mississippi river. It will replace the cable now strung across the Rock Island bridge between the two cities. The cable is being laid in a trench four to five feet deep in the bed of the river. The trench is being dug by government dredges. The cable is being laid in a trench four to five feet deep in the bed of the river. The trench is being dug by government dredges.

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Peoples Pulpit

New York, Nov. 22.—Editor Argus: On Nov. 20 an inquiry into the existing railway situation with a view to the improvement of present system of regulation and supervision, was inaugurated in Washington by a joint committee of the senate and house of representatives, with Senator Newlands of Nevada as chairman. This inquiry was recommended by President Wilson and was authorized by congress toward the close of its recent session. The joint committee has invited leading economists, representatives of important business interests, representatives of the labor unions, and other, including representatives of the railroads, to present their views upon this subject.

The railroads have accepted this invitation. They consider it a public duty to give the American people, through its congressional representatives, the results of their experiences and observations and their views on this vital problem. They believe that certain changes should be made in the present system of regulation and desire to give their reasons for this opinion. They will make various recommendations which in their opinion are in the interest of the whole American people—shippers, consumers, investors—as well as of the railroads themselves. They welcome full and frank discussion and criticism of every constructive idea advanced by themselves or by others in the course of the inquiry, realizing that no system of regulation and supervision can be permanent and satisfactory or successful unless it has behind it the force of enlightened public opinion.

As you will have occasion doubtless from time to time to discuss the developments of this inquiry, we desire to call to your attention the position of the railroads on some of the questions at issue.

In any argument or testimony which the railroads may present during the inquiry they do not oppose regulation or supervision. They recognize that such public regulation has come to stay. They do not, however, think the present complicated system of regulation is defective, wasteful, and therefore unduly burdensome, for both the public and the carriers, in several important respects. Some of these are:

(1) The existing dual system of regulation (federal and state) makes the railroads subject not to one master but to 49. Railway transportation in the United States has become a matter of national and not merely of local importance. The railroads, therefore, favor the principle of legislation in the control of railway transportation which will act fairly in behalf of all the states.

(2) The railroads feel that the functions now exercised by the interstate commerce commission should be separated to bring them into conformity with our scheme of government. The duties of collector, prosecutor and judge, should be separated from purely administrative duties and assigned to other governmental departments or agencies.

(3) Many of the existing laws relating to railway regulation and supervision especially to state laws are primarily punitive and restrictive. They were enacted to punish the railroads for actual or alleged past wrongdoing. The differences in state laws and their example, those governing the banking system, which are designed to serve the public by supervision and facilitating banking operations, is obvious. The railroads feel that it is in the public interest as well as in their interest that the system of regulation be framed with the purpose of an overseeing railway development and advanced service along with their lines.

(4) While maintaining that by far the greater part of the railway business of the country, probably of 75 per cent, is interstate commerce, and that the regulation of this interstate commerce is a matter of national and not a state affair, the railroads do recognize that state laws should be brought into conformity with the national laws, so far as possible, and that the regulation of interstate commerce should be uniform.

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TRAFFIC BODY IS FACING PROBLEM

Solution to End Dare Devil Driving of Automobiles in All Parts of City Is Urgently Needed.

SHOULD ADVISE MORE COPPERS Board Should Recommend Addition of Several Officers for Motor Vehicle Work Is Belief Here.

Rock Island's traffic commission, which will be completed with the appointment of two more members, will be purely an advisory body whose purpose will be to act with similar committees from Haverport in making a straightening traffic regulations in the three cities.

The municipal commission will act on all recommendations made by the traffic body. It is the purpose of the advisory board to formulate such rules as will add further protection to pedestrians as well as to and to the safe manipulation of motor vehicles on the streets for the protection to the passengers in the automobile.

In connection with the work of the commission, it is of general opinion in the city that one of the local needs which should first receive the attention of the body is more police protection in the form of a separate force for some limited use and the dare devil driving of automobiles in the residential and outlying districts.

A recommendation for more police protection with power to arrest drivers who entirely disregard traffic regulations, would require the appointment of a separate force of a number of a number of officers, who would come along with a proposition to sell the city some automatic safety devices to install at street intersections. These should not be considered. The five traffic officers who know no more than the only reliable safety device.

Problem is Solvable. City Attorney J. E. Smith, Chief of Police J. E. Smith, and J. M. Taylor have been selected by the mayor to serve on the body. He has proposed the Rotary club and Business Men's association to serve as sponsors. Non-officers of automobiles should be selected, many believe, in order to be the best judges of what traffic regulations are made. The advantage of many instances would rather there be no regulations or at least some minimum to be the best judge of what traffic regulations are made. The advantage of many instances would rather there be no regulations or at least some minimum to be the best judge of what traffic regulations are made.

The traffic commission could advance as popularity with the public if some solution to this problem becomes the result of its initial action.

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CARNEGIE 81 YEARS OLD AND IN HEALTH

New York, Nov. 22.—Andrew Carnegie is still healthy. He planned to spend his 81st birthday at his home in Carnegie's friends say he is in good health.

ROCK ISLAND TESTIMONY

Home Proof Here, There and Everywhere.

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ALEDO AT A GLANCE

Daily Doings in Mercer County's Busy Capital

Home Officers Elected. A meeting held Wednesday evening by the Mercer County Agricultural Society for the purpose of electing officers for the coming year and 1917 was held at the Mercer County Agricultural Society building. The officers elected were: President, J. E. Smith; Vice President, J. M. Taylor; Secretary, J. E. Smith; Treasurer, J. M. Taylor.

In Social Circles. The young ladies' classes of the Baptist church were entertained Tuesday evening by Mrs. W. V. Feltus at her home on East Ninth street. Mrs. J. E. Watson was hostess to the Embroidery club on Thursday afternoon.

Personal Mention. Miss Sue Wiley returned Tuesday from a two weeks' visit with her cousin, Mrs. Allen Reynolds, at Wilmington, Ohio. She will remain here a few days before leaving for California to spend the winter. Mrs. A. J. Moore and daughter, Mrs. Karl Nelson, returned Thursday to their home in Galesburg, following a visit here with Mrs. George Duncan. W. L. Ray and F. N. Taylor left Thursday morning for Urbana to attend the annual conference of high school professors. Charles Shaw and son Everett were business visitors in Rock Island on Thursday. Mrs. John Ghomly visited with friends in Monmouth and Galesburg Thursday. Joseph Hursey went last evening to Burlington, Iowa, where he will make a short business visit. Mrs. J. M. Davis returned Thursday

from a visit in Kewanee and Woodville. H. C. Weston was in Rock Island yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Feltus were here today on business matters. A local business matter yesterday. A local business matter yesterday. A local business matter yesterday.

Methodist—F. E. Smith, pastor. Morning service at 10:00; Sunday school at 11:45 a. m.; Young People's service at 7 o'clock. A reception to the new members will be given next Wednesday. The church of the next Tuesday evening at the church. Methodist—F. E. Smith, pastor. Morning service at 10:00; Sunday school at 11:45 a. m.; Young People's service at 7 o'clock. A reception to the new members will be given next Wednesday. The church of the next Tuesday evening at the church.

Irish Gain Sweet Revenge. The Irish bowling team defeated the Swedes in three straight games Thursday night, thus obtaining revenge for two former defeats. The match was staged at the Valentine alleys. The sons of Erin, by beating the Swedish bowlers by a margin of 145, overcame the load of that team in both previous match games. In total of single games for the three matches the Irish have taken five out of the nine games rolled. For the winning team of Thursday night, Condon, Parkman, Dool,

showed vast improvement, every man showing his position perfectly, and the team as a whole performing like clock-work. The visitors put up a creditable fight in the first, but were never a danger for. They were unable to gain much ground through the local's strong defense. The local squad started the game with a rush, gaining three of their five touchdowns in the first quarter. After this period the visitors showed and held the locale in a traditional manner, but were unable to score two touchdowns. The fourth game of the game was certainly a run of 50 yards for a touchdown with a visiting player lunging upon his neck. The factored in Germany requires the women workers to put 16 hours a

Public Sale. 4 head of horses consisting of: Bay Gelding, 8 years; Bay Gelding, 6 years; Bay Gelding, 3 years; Bay Horse, 1 year. 88 head of Polled Angus cattle. 11 steers, 2 years; 14 steers, 1 year; 10 heifers, 2 years; 2 heifers, 2 years. 7 Heifer calves, 1 year; 8 Bull calves. 25 Milch Cows, 4 to 6 years. These cows are all broke to stanchion and can be milked by a lady. 1 Registered Polled Angus Bull. 70 Native Breeding Ewes. 6 Poland China Brood Sows. 32 Summer Pigs.

BOLTINGHOUSE & WAGNER, Auctioneers. S. L. JOHNSON, Clerk. Terms made known day of sale. B. F. FOUNTAINE. Sale starts at 11 o'clock.

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TWO SCHOOLS TIED IN AMOUNT SAVINGS

Hawthorne and Irving are close contenders for the honor of having the largest school collection for the week ending yesterday. A grand total of \$22,000 in all that saved Hawthorne from losing first place. Longfellow as usual captured third honors.

Table with 2 columns: School Name and Amount. Total \$230,855.